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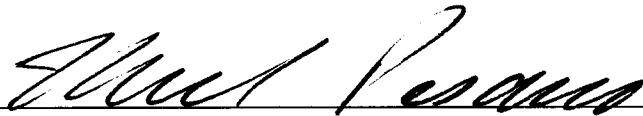
DATE: June 1, 2006

TO: Administrative Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Approval of Authorization of the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign Transit Operator Agreements (MOU's) Consistent with MPO Planning Regulations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign Transit Operator Agreements (MOU's) consistent with MPO Planning Regulations, as required under 23 Code of Federal Regulation 450.310(b).

SUMMARY:

SCAG is required under Federal Regulations, specifically 23 Code of Federal Regulation 450.310(b), to have an Agreement with Transit Operators. In order to comply with this requirement SCAG is developing a series of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which identify the applicable roles and responsibilities in the relationship between SCAG, as the MPO, and the Transit Operators as recipients of Federal Transportation Funds.

BACKGROUND:

Federal Regulations, specifically 23 Code of Federal Regulation 450.310(b) requires SCAG to have an Agreement with Transit Operators receiving Federal Transit funds covering participation in the Planning process. In the SCAG region, which has a one year Overall Work Program, this must be a Memoranda of Understanding with the affected transit operators. This issue was a subject of SCAG's Triennial Review, and was identified by FTA as an area that needed to be brought up to date, consistent with the Regulations. In addition, many of the transit operators in the SCAG region have also been notified of this requirement by FTA. SCAG staff has been in active discussion with FTA, Transit Operators, and the County Transportation Commissions on this issue, and staff has developed a draft MOU which is being circulated for comment. SCAG has taken initial comment from OCTA and has refined the MOU for OCTA to review. The next steps will be to refine and finalize this and the other MOU's required for final approval and signature. This action will authorize the individual MOU's to be developed for the affected operators, and grants the Executive Director authority to finalize and sign the individual agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs of developing and refining MOU for stakeholders are included in Transit budgets of the OWP in FY 05-06 and FY 06-07. No additional fiscal impact to SCAG.

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